Revision of National Sports Policy

485. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the performance of the Indian contingent during the last Olympic Games was not impressive;

(b) if so, whether in the backdrop of such poor performance and in the context of India hosting the forthcoming Commonwealth Games, Government are considering to revise the National Sports Policy; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) During Athens Olympic Games, Indian sportsperson Major (now Lt. Col) R.V.S. Rathore won a silver medal in shooting. This is the first silver medal won by an individual sportsperson since India's independence. Over the years, the performance of Indian sportspersons in Olympics has been improving. In 1996 and 2000 India won only a bronze medal. No medal could be won in 1984 and 1988 Olympics. Moreover, during the Athens Olympic Games, 2004 besides winning a silver medal, Indian sportspersons were close to medals in the disciplines of Archery, Shooting and Weightlifting and in Athletics they created new national records.

(b) The national Sports Policy is announced in the year 2001. There is no proposal to revise the policy.

(c) Does not arise.

Facilities for sports in Himachal Pradesh

†486. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received from the State Government of Himachal Pradesh for sports during the current financial year and the amount released for providing new infrastructural facilities;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to amend the current system of providing financial assistance to the said State for improving or maintenance of facilities regarding sports; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.